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ONE SHORT OF RONALDO: Germany striker Miroslav Klose screams in delight after scoring his second against Argentina in the quarterfinal at the Green Point stadium in Cape Town yesterday. Klose now has 14 World Cup goals, one behind great Brazilian Ronaldo. PHOTO: AFP

Adios Argentina

Diego's men thrashed by ruthless Germans

REUTERS, Cape Town
Germany crushed Argentina 4-0 with a sparkling display of attacking football on Saturday to book their spot in the World Cup last four. A double from Miroslav Klose on his 100th international appearance, along with goals from Thomas Mueller and defender Arne Friedrich ensured the convincing win over a lacklustre Argentina. "It's insane to beat Argentina 4-0. It's hard

to find the words for a result like that," Mueller told German television after the match. "I think Germany is quaking right now and that's the right way to celebrate this."
Man-of-the-match Bastian Schweinsteiger added: "That gives you goose bumps seeing the way people are celebrating at home."
"We may have to play Spain next -- they're the best team in the world, in my view. But we're good enough, we believe in ourselves."

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MATCH UPDATE

GERMANY 4-0 ARGENTINA
PARAGUAY 0-1 SPAIN

Manpower in an MRP mess

Overseas jobseekers, migrant workers not given visa, contract renewal for not having machine-readable passports

PORIMOL PALMA

Hundreds of migrant workers might see their dreams of working abroad dashed because of the government's poor handling of machine readable passports (MRPs) introduced in April. The government continues issuing emergency manual passports alongside MRPs without communicating the matter to the countries that hire workers from Bangladesh. Jobseekers might be denied visas for

not having MRPs. Besides, Bangladeshi expatriates could be refused renewal of residence permits for the same reason, said officials and recruiting agents. The Department of Immigration and Passports (DIP) has the capacity to issue 2,000 MRPs a day while 600 applications for MRPs are submitted to the Agargaon passport office in the capital. Some recruiting agencies alleged that DIP officials take one month and a half to issue an MRP, which is supposed to be done in a month. It forces jobseekers to

opt for emergency manual passports. The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has been refusing to issue visas to Bangladeshi jobseekers without MRPs for over a week. Besides, a few Bangladeshis working there had been refused renewal of residence permits for the same reason. About 70 lakh Bangladeshi migrants are working abroad, with 40 lakh in the Middle East. A major share of the \$10 billion annual remittance comes from them.

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Gazipur locals run riot on rumour

Block highways, damage 200 vehicles

STAR REPORT

Thousands of locals in Gazipur yesterday vandalised over 200 vehicles, torched a garment factory and barricaded roads for hours--all on rumours that Rajuk was acquiring land to build a satellite town. Hundreds of vehicles bound for northern districts and greater Mymensingh were stranded for around four hours on Dhaka

bypass and Dhaka-Mymensingh highway. The situation began improving at around 5:30pm when local Awami League lawmaker AKM Mozammel Haque announced the government has cancelled Rajuk's "satellite town project comprising three unions in Gazipur and parts of Tongi". Addressing a rally at Bhogra, he said, "The prime minister has assured that her

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Khaleda must have to be answerable

Hasina says about Aug 21 grenade attack

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said that Khaleda Zia must have to be answerable for the attack on an AL rally in 2004. One of the ministers of BNP government was involved in the attack, she said. Therefore, it is not right

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Cops telling tales

Finds The Daily Star investigation into 2 custodial deaths

MUKHLESUR RAHMAN and SHAHEEN MOLLAH

Although the police is denying the custodial deaths of Mizanur Rahman and Mujibur Hossain, The Daily Star investigation has found that the fact is quite the opposite to that of the police version of the incidents. Police picked up businessman Mizanur Rahman from his Badda house early Tuesday while Mujibur Hossain from Melartek Ghat in Darussalam early Thursday, the investigation revealed. According to Gulshan police, Mizanur and his five accomplices opened fire on a police team on road 42 of Gulshan early Thursday compelling the law enforcers to retaliate. After the gunfight, Mizanur and one Manik were found bullet-hit and they were rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where Mizanur succumbed to his injuries, they added. Meanwhile, Darussalam police denied Mujibur's arrest and his death in custody. His body was recovered floating on the Turag Friday morning, said Mujibur's family members. Morgue sources said Mujibur died drowning but his body

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Government pitches power investment

CNG prices may double

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday promised to make investment in the cash-strapped power sector more attractive. The assurance came at a conference on "Investment in Power Sector of Bangladesh: Opportunities and Challenges" at Sonargaon Hotel in Dhaka. The government also suggested doubling the price of CNG. More than 100 potential local and international investors gathered at the hotel to show their interest in Bangladesh government's call for investment in the power sector. Addressing the daylong conference, top government executives also assured them of every incentive and the right price if they invest in generating power. The conference was a follow up of the road shows the government organised in London in 2009 and Singapore and New York this year to attract entrepreneurs from across the world into

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